

1870, ch. 313.

244. Each commissioner, before he proceeds to act as such, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Queen Anne's county, that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of commissioner of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of said qualification shall be returned by the justice to the said commissioners and filed and recorded among the proceedings.

Ibid.

245. The said commissioners shall meet annually on the fourth Monday in April and on the fourth Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener as they may think proper; not less than a majority shall constitute a board for the transaction of any business except an adjournment; they may appoint a clerk, who shall keep the minutes of their proceedings in a well-bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, and they may also appoint a bailiff and prescribe his duties, and shall pay the said clerk and bailiff such compensation as they may deem reasonable, and may remove either of said officers at pleasure.

Ibid.

246. They shall cause all nuisances and obstructions that may interrupt the passage or injure the health of the inhabitants of said town, to be removed from the streets, lanes and alleys thereof, and may provide for the mending, repairing and cleaning of the same, and shall have power to prohibit and punish by ordinance the placing of any filth, dirt or other matter therein, and may also erect lamps in any of the streets, lanes and alleys of the town, and cause the same to be lighted at public expense, and may pass all laws and ordinances for the preservation of the health of said town, and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases therein, or within three miles thereof; they shall prohibit the running or riding of horses or driving of carts, wagons and carriages unreasonably fast in said town; may regulate and provide for the sweeping of chimneys; prohibit firing of guns or pistols, the throwing of lighted squibs, fire-crackers, Roman candles, or any other combustible matter, and the storage of gun-